A RESOLUTION URGING THE 2003 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDING THE GEORGIA CODE SECTION 40-6-14, ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO IMPLEMENT NOISE CONTROL STANDARDS REQUIRING A MAXIMUM DISTANCE LESS THAN THAT PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, noise pollution is a problem afflicting counties and municipalities throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, distance standards for determining noise violations involving motor vehicles provide an effective means for counties and municipalities to control noise pollution; and

WHEREAS, the State code currently prohibits noise from a motor vehicle that is plainly audible at a distance of one-hundred or more feet; and

WHEREAS, the current code does not allow counties and municipalities the discretion to implement and enforce stricter distance standards; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic within many municipalities warrants a stricter standard than that provided by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the densely congested nature of residential areas in many counties and municipalities demands an enforceable standard applying distances less than one-hundred feet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA requests that the Georgia State Legislature amend Section 40-6-14 of the Georgia Code Annotated to allow counties and municipalities to implement noise control standards for noises that are audible at a distance less than the one-hundred or more feet provided by the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposal be made a part of the City's 2003 legislative package.